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Summary

This bill modifies section 245.4889, subdivision 1 (children’s mental health grants) by allowing grants for developmentally appropriate and culturally informed interventions for youth at risk of developing a mood disorder or experiencing a first episode of a mood disorder, and for a public awareness campaign related to youth mood disorders. The bill appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for these purposes in section 3, for fiscal year 2023, and specifies how grant funds may be used.

In section 2, the bill appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner in fiscal year 2023, for children’s mental health grants to provide intensive treatment and support for adolescents or adults experiencing or at risk of experiencing a first episode psychosis. The section further specifies what intensive treatment and support may include, and allows funds to be used for outreach and training for mental health and health care professionals, ensuring access to first psychotic episode services, and housing or travel expenses related to first psychotic episode services. The section also allows the commissioner to use the funds to evaluate services provided under the grant program.